

**Ochoco and Deschutes National Forests and
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Wildland Fire Restrictions Amended

Central Oregon—Central Oregon Fire Management Services officials lifted restrictions prohibiting campfires on Sept. 30 for most areas under the agency's jurisdiction.

Campfires, warming fires and charcoal fires are now permissible on the Ochoco and Deschutes National Forests, and most of the Prineville District of the Bureau of Land Management. However, these public lands remain under Industrial Fire Precaution Level, (IFPL), II.

Under IFPL II, industrial operators and woodcutters under permit may operate machinery between 8 p.m. and 1 p.m., with a one-hour fire watch in place. Firewood permit vendor information is available by calling 1-800-523-4737.

Fire managers continue to be concerned about the threat of wildland fires and are asking the public to ensure that all campfires are completely extinguished before they are left unattended.

Land protected by the Oregon Department of Forestry and many other fire agencies still have public use restrictions in place. Check with local fire agencies to determine if campfires are permissible in a particular area.

In addition, campfires are still prohibited on stretches of some rivers administered by the Prineville District of the Bureau of Land Management, including:

Crooked River:

Within a half-mile of the river's edge, along the Lower Crooked River from the Highway 97 bridge to Lake Billy Chinook.

Deschutes River:

Within a half-mile of the river's edge from the Highway 20 bridge to Lake Billy Chinook; within a half-mile of Lake Simtustus, (between Round Butte Dam and Pelton Dam); within the Lower Deschutes National Wild and Scenic River corridor, (Pelton Dam to the Columbia River.)

Lake Billy Chinook:

Those public lands located within a half-mile of Lake Billy Chinook.

White River:

Within a half-mile of the river's edge from its confluence with the Deschutes River upstream to Keeps Mill.

John Day River:

On public lands within a quarter of a mile of the river's edge in the following locations:

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--The main stem of the John Day River from Tumwater Falls, (river mile 10), upstream to Kimberly, (river mile 185.)

--The North Fork of the John Day River from the confluence of the main stem at Kimberly, (river mile zero), upstream to the Umatilla National Forest boundary, (river mile 62.)

--The South Fork of the John Day River from Smokey Creek, (river mile six), upstream to the Malheur National Forest boundary, (river mile 47.)

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